

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING AND PUBLIC COMMENT

The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) seek written and oral comments from interested persons on the development of a Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) for Stroubles Creek. Stroubles Creek is identified in Virginia's 1998 303(d) TMDL Priority List and Report as impaired due to violations of the State's water quality standard for the General Standard (Benthic). The Stroubles Creek segment is located in Montgomery County. The impairment is approximately 4.87 miles in length and begins at the headwaters (on the southwest end of the VPI&SU campus) and continues to the first upstream crossing of Route 619.

§303(d) of the Clean Water Act and §62.1-44.19:7.C of the Code of Virginia, require DEQ to develop TMDLs for pollutants responsible for each impaired water contained in Virginia's 303(d) TMDL Priority List and Report.

The final public meeting on the development of the Stroubles Creek TMDL will be held on **Thursday, October 9, 2003**, at 7:00 p.m. at Donaldson Brown Hotel and Conference Center in Center's Auditorium located at 201 Otey Street in Blacksburg, Virginia.

The public comment period for this phase of the TMDL development will end on November 9, 2003. A fact sheet on the development of the TMDL is available upon request. Questions or information requests should be addressed to Jason Hill. Written comments should include the name, address, and telephone number of the person submitting the comments and should be sent to Jason Hill, Department of Environmental Quality, 3019 Peters Creek Road, Roanoke, Virginia, 24019, telephone (540) 562-6724, Fax (540) 562-6860, or e-mail jrhill@deq.state.va.us.